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DIARY NOTES

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1. On Saturday morning, 23 September, [REDACTED] telephoned to call to my attention an exchange of cables with the Saigon Station having to do with the training of [REDACTED]. Des felt that it was urgent for us to make a decision regarding [REDACTED] as soon as possible. I told him that I would be very glad to try to bring this about but that I was not at all optimistic <sup>that</sup> an early decision would be forthcoming.

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2. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

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a. Ting Sheldon reported to the Director that he thought the move to the new building was going well. However, he indicated that the vending machines were running out of food at lunch time, that the air-conditioning was not yet turned on, that the Director's secure telephone had not been hooked up yet, and that probably slow delivery of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN could be anticipated due to congested traffic. (I talked to [REDACTED] about these things and ascertained that the air-conditioning probably would be turned on sometime later today, that the Director's secure telephone would be installed as rapidly as possible, and that a complaint had been made to GSI about the vending machines running out of food, as well as a complaint about the cleanliness of the area. Alan indicated that Ting wanted to experiment with the delivery of the BULLETIN before exploring such a drastic possibility as delivery by helicopter.)

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b. In a brief report on his trip the Director suggested that the Deputy Director (Plans) consider the possibility of employing a retired banker to settle down in [REDACTED] in an operational way. I would assume from this conversation that [REDACTED] does not yet, and probably never will, choose to utilize [REDACTED] for this kind of business.

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c. There was considerable discussion about the Joseph Alsop column in the WASHINGTON POST this morning and the Director agreed that [REDACTED] should brief appropriate staff members of the Armed Services and Appropriation Committees on our latest estimate. Everyone, of course, was flabbergasted at the speed in which Alsop had obtained the information contained in the estimate--within a matter of hours after it was published.

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3. [REDACTED] was in to discuss with me the establishment of a support staff for the National Photographic Interpretation Center. He wanted a Finance Officer, a Logistics Officer, and a Personnel Officer from those Career Services and probably a Chief of Administration. He seemed a little fuzzy as to whether he had Bob Amory's permission to put DD/S people in these positions on a rotational basis. I told him that I would be glad to co-operate but that I would not think DD/S people would choose to occupy these positions unless they were offered on a rotational basis. I also told him that certainly office heads would not be inclined to put good people in these positions unless they were going to get them back some day.

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4. Chick and I also discussed briefly the status of [REDACTED] and I must say that Chick was extremely hazy as to where this stood and what should be done about it. Apparently, while the architect was told to design something which would cost \$5.6 million, he has come up with a set of plans and specifications which GSA says will cost \$7.9 million. The architect, GSA, and our own people are going to meet here in Washington on 2 October to try to sort this out.

5. General Cabell buzzed to say that he had read Colonel Edwards's memorandum on "security at the entrance gates to the new building" and wanted to argue about it at the next Deputies' Meeting. I told him that I would be prepared to discuss the matter at that time.

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